the respective State Governments. However, the Central Government extends financial assistance on specific proposals for development of tourism infrastructure and publicity on the basis of their merits, *interse* priority and availability of funds.

Joining of foreign airlines by Indian Airlines Pilots

45. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. SANJAYA SINH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is unabated exodus of Senior Indian Airlines pilots to join foreign Airlines;

(b) if so, what is the number of Indian Airlines pilots who have left during the last one year indicating the name of the regions (with number) from where pilots have left and the airlines they have joined and the total shortage of pilots in the Indian Airlines;

(c) what besides monetary gains, arc the reasons identified by Government for their continuous exodus;

(d) whether any talk was held with the pilots in this connection; if so, what is the outcome thereof; and

(c) what is the manner in which the shortage of pilots is proposed to be met?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (c) Do not arise.

Inquiry report of air crash at Iniphnl

46. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the inquiry instituted by Government into the Indian Airlines IC 267 crash near Imphal has been completed and report submitted to Goverment.

(b) if so, what are the details of the findings of the Court of Inquiry; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The report of the Court of Inquiry alongwith Government of India's decision on the findings and recommendations thereon has been placed in the Parliament House Library *vide* Index No. 363. 12465R N-l.

Development of Ajmer and Puskar in Rajasthan

47. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to develop Ajmer and Puskar as major pilgrim and tourist centres during the next few years;

(b) whether Government have also decided to bring Ajmer on the air map so as to attract foreign tourists and also to construct Yatri Niwas both at Ajmer and Puskar; and

(c) if so, what is the amount of Central assistance so far provided to Rajasthan Government during the current financial year as well as likely to be given during the Eighth Five Year Plan period for beautifying Durgah at Ajmer and repairing Sarovar Ghats of Puskar Temple?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Ajmer has been identified as one of the Pilgrim Centres.

(b) and (c) It is contemplated to jointly construct an airstrip at Ajmer with the cooperation of Government of Rajasthan. One Yatrika at Ajmer at an estimated cost of Rs. 29.92 lakh was sanctioned during 1991-92. There is no proposal for a Yatri Niwas at Puskar. The

Government of Rajasthan has submitted proposals for construction of pilgrim sheds and public conveniences at Vishramsthali at Ajmer. The State Government has been asked to submit specific proposals for improvement/ renovation of Brahma Ghat and Savitri Ghat at Puskar.

Development of Tourism in Karnataka

48. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka has been totally neglected in respect of tourism although it is rich in history, culture and splendour on the one hand and equally rich in scenic beauty including many other tourist attractions; and

(b) what is the total amount spent in different parts of the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan period. Statewise, on development of tourism highlighting the imbalances if any?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Central Department of Tourism does not allocate funds State-wise. However Centra) financial assistance is extended to State Governments on specific projects based on their merits, availability of funds and *interse* priorities. Total amount released for the Seventh Five Year Plan projects/schemes is Rs. 4800.23 lakhs. A statement indicating State-wise releases is given in the Statement.

Statement

Central financial assistance released by the Central Department of Tourism during the Seventh live Year Plan Period to various States and Union Territories

Sl. No.	State	Released (Rs. in lakhs)
1	2	3
1	Andhra Pradesh	230.61
2	Arunachal Pradesh	28.00
3	Assam	64.58
4	Bihar	49.00
5	Goa	36.99
6	Gujarat	178.23
7	Haryana	364.04
8	Himachal Pradesh	126.56
9	Jammu & Kashmir	309.50
10	Karnataka	151.74
11	Kerala	749.80
12	Madhya Pradesh	185.30
13	Maharashtra	85.59
14	Manipur	61.25
15	Meghalaya	97.70
16	Mizoram	73.00
17	Nagaland	110.00
18	Orissa	137.92
19	Punjab	103.93
20	Rajasthan	145.92
21	Sikkim	90.21
22	Tamil Nadu	329.01
23	Tripura	77.43
24	Uttar Pradesh	448.20
25	West Bengal	287.69
	TOTAL:	4524.10
	UNION TERRITORIES	
26	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	162.94
27	Delhi	3.50
28	Lakshadweep	71.86
29	Pondicherry	37.83
	TOTAL:	276.13
	GRAND TOTAL:	4800.23

International Air Cargo Flights from Bangalore

49. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government arc aware that the Mysore Sales International Limited, a Government of Karnataka enterprise, is handling Air Cargo complex in Bangalore, which is fully overbooked and is unable to tranship cargo due to inadequate availability of cargo flights;

(b) whether Air India operates any international Air cargo flights from Bangalore and if not, the reasons therefor; and